

PT-2/HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION, 2022-23

ENGLISH

Time – 3 Hours

Class – VII

M.M. - 80

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Name of the student _____ Section _____

General Instructions:

- This paper is divided into four sections.
- All questions are compulsory.
- Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these sections very carefully and follow them.
- Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION – A (Reading - 15 marks)

Q.1 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow-

Our ancestors had great difficulty in getting books. Now, our difficulty lies in what to read. There are innumerable books but our hours of reading are very few. Therefore, the choice becomes essential. We should be very careful about what we read. There are books that poison our lives by suggesting evils. We should keep them at arm's length.

We should read only those books which have stood the test of time. Such books are our great classics like the Ramayana and the Gita. They contain the wisdom of our sages and saints. They have appealed to mankind from generation to generation. Reading such books has an ennobling influence on our mind and character. It gives us spiritual enjoyment. These books give us instruction with entertainment. They represent our ancient culture. High ideas to be followed by us have been set by them in front of us. They are our best friends, best guides, and the best treasure. The great men of the past have given us their precious advice through books. Honouring books means respecting our past, culture and heritage. Books are written by experienced and scholarly authors, so all kinds of precious information are contained in them.

Reading books based on famous and successful people motivates us to do something for the betterment of society. The knowledge gained by books is that precious treasure which always stays with the person. Books are the best means of character building. The person who makes books his friend never feels alone.

(A) Choose the correct answer-

(1x5=5)

(i) The books written by famous and successful people motivates us to do _____.

- (a) something for the betterment of the society
- (b) something for the protection any organization
- (c) none of these

- (ii) We should avoid those books which____.
- (a) come in paperback
 - (b) corrupt our lives by suggesting evils
 - (c) come in more than one volume
- (iii) The books which have stood the test of time are called____.
- (a) great books
 - (b) biographies
 - (c) classics
- (iv) What is /are the special quality/qualities of classics?
- (a) They affect our mind in a negative way
 - (b) They teach us something irrelevant
 - (c) They help us in our spiritual growth
- (v) An expression in the passage that means 'good effect' is -
- (a) Spiritual enjoyment
 - (b) Ennobling influence
 - (c) Very careful

Q.2 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow-

How you best improve your English depends on where you live, and particularly on, whether or not you live in an English-speaking community. If you hear spoken English every day and mix freely with English-speaking people, that is, on the whole, an advantage. On the other hand, it is often confusing to have the whole language poured over you at once. Ideally, a step-by-step course should accompany or lead up to this experience. It will also help a great deal if you can easily get the sort of English books in which you are interested.

To read a lot is essential. It is stupid not to venture outside the examination 'set books' or the text books you have chosen for the intensive study. Read as many books in English as you can, not as study material but for pleasure. Do not choose the more difficult books you find, with the idea of listing and learning as many new words as possible. Choose what is likely to interest you and be sure in advance that it is not too hard. You should not have to be constantly looking up for new words in the dictionary, for that deadens the interest and checks real learning. Look up a word here and there but, as a general policy try to push ahead, guessing what words mean from the context. It is extensive and not intensive reading that normally helps you to get interested in extra reading and thereby improve your English. You should enjoy the feeling, what extensive reading gives, some command of the language. As you read, you will become more familiar with words and sentence patterns you already know; understanding them better as you meet them in more contexts, some of which may differ only slightly from others.

English is the official language of fifty-three countries in the world and is spoken by more than a quarter of the world's population. No matter where you are, there is a high probability that someone around speaks English. These are many benefits of spoken English.

Most of the highly accredited universities in the world require the students to be fluent in written as well as spoken English. Being good at spoken English increases your chances of getting admitted into reputed universities. English is considered to be the official language for conducting business. If your English is fluent, it makes it easier to conduct meetings with your clients and aids in other daily business activities. It also opens the prospects of your global success as you can expand your business in other countries, thanks to excellent communication skills.

Answer the following questions:

- (i) When can you learn English faster? (1)
- (ii) What does the author recommend for improving English? (1)
- (iii) How can reading help us in learning English? (2)
- Q.3 (I) State whether True or False- (1x2=2)
- a) You can improve your English, if you hear spoken English every day and mix freely with English-speaking people.
- b) Extensive reading will not help in improving English.
- (II) Fill in the blanks- (1x2=2)
- a) If you hear spoken_____ every day and mix freely with English-speaking people, that is, on the whole, an advantage.
- b) Read as many books in English as you can, not as study material but for _____.
- Q4. Choose the correct option- (1)
- 'Deadens' means to-
- (i) Reduces (ii) Increases (iii) Equates
- Q5. The antonym for 'accompany' is- (1)
- (i) Proceed (ii) Progress (iii) Neglect

SECTION-B (WRITING - 15 marks)

- Q.6 Your school is going to organise an Elocution competition on the occasion of English Language Day. You are Albert/Eliza, the Head boy/ Head girl of O.P. Jindal School, Hisar. **Draft a notice** for your school notice board inviting the students of VI-VIII to participate in this event in not less than **50 words**. (5)

OR

Design a poster creating awareness for cleanliness and hygiene around your locality and nearby areas in not less than **60 words**.

- Q.7 Your school has recently celebrated 'Teachers' Day'. You have understood the importance of teachers in students' life and thereby improve yourself to be a better student. **Write a diary entry** expressing your thoughts and emotions in **80-100 words**. (5)

- Q.8 Your father has sent a beautiful gift on your birthday from London. **Write a letter** to him in **100-120 words** expressing your feelings of love and admiration for him. You are Aviral/Chetna, living at B-123, Amar colony, Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi. (5)

OR

Write a letter to a friend asking him/her to spend a holiday with you in some hill station. Convey him / her to carry the required things to enjoy the beauty of hill station. **(100-120 words)**

SECTION-C (GRAMMAR - 20 marks)

- Q.9 The following paragraph has not been edited. Write the error and its correction as shown in the example. (1x3=3)

	Incorrect	Correct
Dolphins are well-known for her agility and playful behaviour.	e.g. her	their
It makes them a favourite of much wildlife watchers.	(a)
Many species leap out of the water but rise vertically to view their surroundings and follow ships.	(b)
They often synchronise your movements with one another.	(c)

- Q.10 Rearrange the jumbled words to form meaningful sentences- (1x3=3)

- (a) the temple's architecture / form an / sculptures and paintings / of / essential part
(b) of an / endless process / the plants and animals / of evolution / are the products
(c) is situated / North-eastern / Konark temple / corner / on the / of Puri / the

- Q.11 (I) Fill in the blanks with **Simple present tense**- (1x3=3)

- (a) When the water _____ (boil), will you make some tea?
(b) The shops in England _____ (open) at 9:00 in the morning.
(c) My watch is broken and it _____ (need) to be fixed again.

- (II) Fill in the blanks with **Present continuous tense**- (1x3=3)

- (a) Farmers _____ (pluck) berries from the bushes.
(b) By ignoring the traffic signal, they _____ (break) the law.
(c) I _____ (come) to the party tonight.

- Q.12 Fill in the blanks with the most suitable **determiners** from the options given below- (1x4=4)

- a) Could you pour me _____ water, please? (some, many, these)
b) Only _____ employees knew how important the project was. (a little, a few, much)
c) _____ determination is needed to fulfil the target. (many, most, much)
d) _____ of the two boys got a prize. (each, every, little)

Q.13 (I) Choose the correct form of **passive voice** of the sentences given below- (1x2=2)

(a) They are conducting the examination.

i) The examination has been conducted by them.

ii) The examination is being conducted by them.

iii) The examination are being conducted by them.

(b) People speak English all over the world.

i) English is spoken all over the world by people.

ii) English is spoken by the world by the people.

iii) English is spoken by over people around the world.

(II) **Change the voice** of the sentences given below- (1x2=2)

i) He was answering the questions.

ii) A famous writer wrote this book.

SECTION-D (LITERATURE - 30 marks)

Q.14 **Read the extract** and answer the questions that follow-

"The other, with his coat up to his ears, listened with interest. At the corner stood a shop bright with electric lights. When they came near, each turned to look at the other's face."

(A) Choose the correct option- (1x3=3)

i) Who is the author of 'After twenty years'?

a) William Sydney Porter

b) William Shakespeare

c) John Keats

ii) What makes Bob stand out?

a) He has a small white scar

b) He has a large Roman nose

c) He is very tall

iii) Bob's detailed explanation to the first police officer about his presence in the doorway suggests —

a) he feels guilty about not staying in touch with his old friend.

b) he is afraid of getting in trouble with the police.

c) he likes to talk about his past.

OR

Read the extract and answer the questions that follow-

"There was a squabble when the husbands reached home, but Portia then narrated how she had come to be Balthasar and Nerissa her clerk".

(B) Choose the correct option-

i) What do you mean by the word 'Squabble'?

a) Brave

b) Difficult

c) Quarrel

ii) Who requested the Duke of Venice to permit Doctor Balthasar to take his place to fight the case of Antonio?

- a) Bassanio b) Bellario c) Portia

iii) How is Shylock punished for seeking to take Antonio's life?

- a) He is banished.
b) He must work as Antonio's servant for the rest of his life.
c) His wealth is forfeited to the state.

Q.15 **Read the lines** and answer the questions that follow- (1x3=3)

"My Mother is not the sort of Mum

Who'll squeal and faint and shiver,

Darkness doesn't scare her,"

(A) Choose the correct option-

i) Which figure of speech is used in - 'Darkness doesn't scare her...'

- a) Simile b) Metaphor c) Alliteration

ii) What do you mean by the word 'Squeal'?

- a) Make a long, high sound b) Quarrel c) Burnt

iii) Where was the mother perched up?

- a) on the table b) on the kitchen sink c) on the stove

OR

Read the lines and answer the questions that follow-

"Long, long afterward, in an oak

I found the arrow, still unbroke;"

(B) Choose the correct option-

i) What is the figure of speech used in the line "I found the arrow, still unbroke"-

- a) Simile b) Metaphor c) Personification

ii) Where did the poet find the song, long and long afterward?

- a) in an oak tree b) in a Palm tree c) in the heart of a friend

iii) Who breathed a song into the air?

- a) The Oak tree b) The Poet c) A boy

Q.16 (I) **Give the synonyms** for the following words by choosing the correct option- (1x2=2)

a) Flight -

- i) gliding ii) drowning iii) conflicting

b) Notice -

- i) observe ii) fault iii) discharge

(II) **Choose the correct meaning** of the following idioms- (1x2=2)

a) Add insult to injury

- i) survive a difficult period
ii) worsen an unfavourable situation
iii) join a popular activity or trend

b) Play it by ear

- i) improvise or do something without preparation
ii) to take credit for what someone else did
iii) to sign a bond

(III) Choose the correct words of **opposite gender** for the words given below- (1x2=2)

a) Monk -

- i) niece ii) nun iii) monkess

b) Duke -

- i) duchess ii) priestess iii) dukess

Q.17 Answer the following questions in 20 words - (Attempt any 4) (2x4=8)

- a) Why did Rajat's announcement made the elders smile?
b) When was 'Big Joe' Brady's restaurant pulled down?
c) What should you do 'when care is pressing you down a bit'?
d) Why did the mother whimper like a baby in the poem 'Mother and the Mouse'?
e) What was Shylock's occupation?

Q.18 Answer the following questions in 50-60 words- (Attempt any 3) (2x3=6)

- a) What did Mr. Lahiri and the ladies of Sahodaya Enclave do to help those in distress?
b) What does the speaker of the poem 'Don't Quit' say about failure?
c) Why do you think Jimmy Wells continued to talk to 'Silky' Bob?
d) Why could Antonio not help Bassanio financially? How did they resolve the issue?

Q.19 Answer the following questions in 80-100 words- (Attempt any 1) (4x1=4)

- a) Describe the character of Portia.
b) The poem 'Mother and the Mouse' is about a child who shows courage to protect her mother from a mouse. What does 'courage' mean to you? Elaborate any instance where you have shown courage and strong will power to protect/motivate someone.

